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SUBJECT: (U) Secretary Clinton's July 14 conversation

with Dutch Foreign Minister Verhagen

¶1. Classified by Bureau Assistant Secretary Philip H. Gordon. Reason: 1.4 (d)

¶2. (U) July 14; 2:45 p.m.; Washington, DC.

¶3. (SBU) Participants:

U.S. The Secretary Charge Michael Gallagher EUR A/S Philip H. Gordon PA Spokesperson Ian Kelly Executive Assistant Joe Macmanus NSC Director fcc The Netherlands FM Maxime Verhagen Ambassador Renee Jones-Bos Pieter De Gooijer, MFA Political Director General Jack Twiss, Embassy Political C

¶4. (C) SUMMARY. The Secretary met July 14 with Dutch Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen, following Prime Minister Balkenende's morning meeting w

Afghanistan

¶5. (C) The Secretary said she looked forward to continuing Dutch advice about our strategic approach in Afghanistan. The U.S. strategy owed a

¶6. (C) When the Secretary mentioned the U.S. initiative to locate new cell phone towers on outposts that we control, Verhagen agreed to look i

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¶7. (C) The Secretary welcomed Dutch participation in the G20 Pittsburgh Summit, and noted, in particular, the credibility the Dutch brought to

Serbia

¶8. (C) The Secretary said the United States understood Dutch concerns about Serb cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for Yug

Development Assistance

¶9. (SBU) The Secretary also credited the Dutch as a leading donor country. She asked Verhagen for his advice on establishing metrics to evalua

Middle East Peace

¶10. (C) FM Verhagen briefly raised his visit to Israel three weeks earlier; he had been closely following events, including the cancellation c

¶11. (C) Verhagen said he was willing to be helpful to ensure the EU moved with the United States. He asked for U.S. reaction to Solana's propo

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Iran

¶12. (C) FM Verhagen expressed concern about Iran and proposed discussions on what to do if the United Nations Security Council proved unwilling